

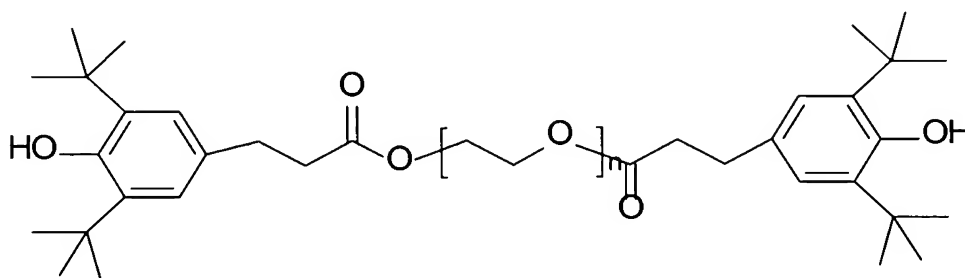
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A mixture comprising an amorphous phenolic stabilizer and at least one reducing agent,

wherein the mixture has a color value with a Hazen number  $< 100$  to DIN 53409 and

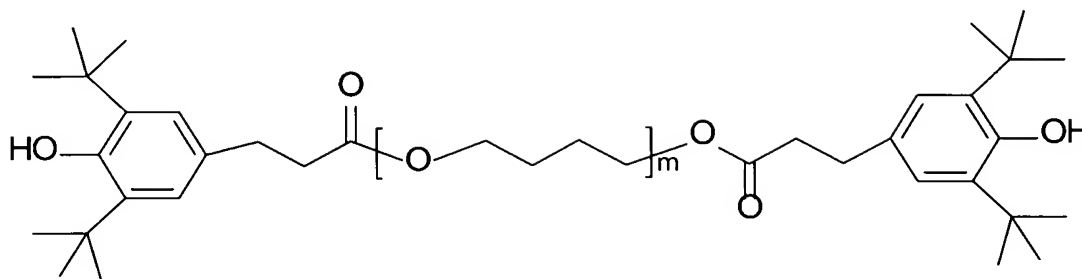
the amorphous phenolic stabilizer is represented by the following formula:



the selection of  $n$  is such that, in the stabilizer mixture comprising the individual stabilizer molecules, the weight-average molecular weight of the stabilizer mixture is greater than the number-average molecular weight of the stabilizer mixture.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): A mixture comprising an amorphous phenolic stabilizer and at least one reducing agent,

wherein the mixture has a color value with a Hazen number < 100 to DIN 53409 and comprises [[the]] amorphous phenolic stabilizer [[is]] represented by the following formula:



where  $m$  is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10.

wherein the selection of  $m$  is such that, in the stabilizer mixture comprising the individual stabilizer molecules, the weight-average molecular weight of the stabilizer mixture is greater than the number-average molecular weight of the stabilizer mixture.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): The mixture as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one reducing agent is at least one organophosphorus compound of trivalent phosphorus.

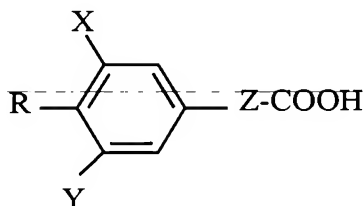
Claim 4 (Previously presented): The mixture as claimed in claim 1, wherein a ratio of the amorphous phenolic stabilizer to the reducing agent by weight is from 10,000 : 1 to 10 : 1.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): A material comprising the mixture as claimed in claim 1, wherein the material is one selected from the group consisting of a plastic, a lubricating oil, a vegetable oil and an animal oil.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): A process for preparing an amorphous phenolic stabilizer according to Claim 1, comprising carrying out one selected from the group consisting of esterification, transesterification, transamidation and amidation in the presence

of at least one reducing agent.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): The process as claimed in claim 6, comprising a phenolic carboxylic acid or a derivative of the carboxylic acid of the following formula:



where

R is -OH,

X and Y, independently of one another, are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a straight-chain, branched-chain, and cyclic alkyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms,

Z is an alkylene radical having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms.

Claim 8 (Previously presented): The process as claimed in claim 6, comprising at least one polyethylene glycol with a molar mass of from 120 to 3000 g/mol.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The process as claimed in claim 6, wherein a content of the at least one reducing agent is from 0.01 to 10% by weight, based on a total weight of the mixture.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): A mixture comprising the amorphous phenolic stabilizer obtained by the process as claimed in claim 6.

Claim 11 (Previously presented): The mixture as claimed in claim 2, wherein the at least one reducing agent is at least one organophosphorous compound of trivalent phosphorous.

Claim 12 (Previously presented): The mixture as claimed in claim 2, wherein a ratio of amorphous phenolic stabilizer to reducing agent by weight, is from 10,000 : 1 to 10 : 1.

Claim 13 (Previously presented): A plastic or lubricating oil comprising a mixture as claimed in claim 2.

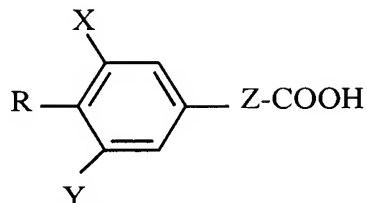
Claim 14 (Previously presented): The process as claimed in claim 6, wherein a content of reducing agents in the reaction mixture for preparing the amorphous phenolic stabilizer is from 0.01 to 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the mixture.

Claim 15 (Previously presented): A process for preparing an amorphous phenolic stabilizer according to Claim 2, comprising carrying out one selected from the group consisting of esterification, transesterification, transamidation and amidation in the presence of at least one reducing agent.

Claim 16 (Previously presented): The process as claimed in claim 15, comprising a phenolic carboxylic acid or a derivative of the carboxylic acid of the following formula:

where

R is -OH,



X and Y, independently of one another, are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a straight-chain, branched-chain, and cyclic alkyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms,

Z is an alkylene radical having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): The process as claimed in claim 15, comprising at least one polytetrahydrofuran with a molar mass of from 120 to 3000 g/mol.

Claim 18 (Previously presented): The process as claimed in claim 15, wherein a content of the at least one reducing agent is from 0.01 to 10% by weight, based on a total weight of the mixture.

Claim 19 (Previously presented): A mixture comprising the amorphous phenolic stabilizer obtained by the process as claimed in claim 15.

Claim 20 (Previously presented): The process as claimed in claim 15, wherein a content of reducing agents in the reaction mixture for preparing the amorphous phenolic stabilizer is from 0.01 to 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the mixture.